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**To:** [Cortese, Dave](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support budget Item 29 - "MacArthur Avenue Traffic Calming Inventory Request"  
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Dear Supervisor Cortese,

I am writing to you today to ask you for your support! Supervisor Ellenberg has submitted budget Item 29 - "MacArthur Avenue Traffic Calming Inventory Request" for the June 12 Board of Supervisors Meeting and this budget item is desperately needed in our community.

As a resident of MacArthur Avenue this board referral item is important to myself, my family, and my fellow neighbors. MacArthur ave is a residential street (speed limit 25mph) in a pocket of unincorporated San Jose. Over the years our tiny street has been impacted by the changing infrastructure near Bascom ave and Valley Medical hospital. It has reached a point where I do not feel safe driving or walking with my family on my street.

Daily commuters, truck drivers, and ambulances are using MacArthur as a "short cut." As vehicles have found new ways to avoid traffic there has been an increase in the volume of cars/trucks using the street and the majority of these vehicles disregard speed limits, signage and residential traffic.

MacArthur ave residents are left to deal with;

- Cars that travel at unsafe speeds (35-40mph+)
- Drivers that do not stop at the stop signs
- Drivers that do not slow down for children crossing the street
- Drivers that do not slow down for cars backing out of the driveway
- Large construction vehicles and large delivery vehicles knocking down power lines and cable lines
- Damaged vehicles and broken side view mirrors
- Aggressive drivers trying to get from point A to point B on their commute, dangerously passing other drivers in the opposite lane of traffic (yes I was passed for driving 27mph)
- Aggressive/impatient drivers that tailgate and honk at you when are pulling into your driveway.
- The list goes on....

Our little residential street has become an expressway and we need to slow the traffic down and deter the cut through traffic. I am asking for your help before someone gets seriously injured. We have a lot of children on our street that play outside and bicyclists use MacArthur as it is a designated "sharrow" road.

The Sheriffs department and CHP do a fantastic job in our area enforcing the rules when they can. However, **we need permanent calming measures and speed humps.**

Thank you for your time. I have attached a few pictures of our street for you to get an idea of what our street looks like. Please vote in support of item 29 - "MacArthur Avenue Traffic Calming Inventory Request" proposed by Supervisor Ellenberg

Best Regards,

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